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Honorable William W. Dillard, Jr. Chief Examiner
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Bullock County - Funds - Elections

Amendment 128 concerning Bullock County requires each action undertaken under the amendment to be approved by voters of the county.

Dear Mr. Dillard:

Reference is made to your request for the opinion of the Attorney General as to the following matter:

"I would very much appreciate an opinion from your office regarding Amendment No. 128 to the Constitution of Alabama 1901. Amendment 128, supra, gives Bullock County the authority to enter into certain projects which would otherwise be prohibited by the Constitution of Alabama 1901 and many acts of the Alabama Legislature. My specific question is whether or not the residents of Bullock County must vote on each project before such project is undertaken. . . "

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Your question is to be answered in the affirmative.

The opening statement to Amendment 128 to the Constitution of Alabama, 1901 states:

"Any provision of the Constitution or laws of the state of Alabama to the contrary notwithstanding, Bullock county shall have full and continuing power and authority to do any one or more of the following, provided that such action is first approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the county who vote at an election held for such purpose."

It is the opinion of the Attorney General that the above provision clearly requires the voters of Bullock County to vote on each project to be undertaken under this amendment before the project is performed.

Because many of the actions listed in Amendment 128 are in direct derogation to the Constitution and laws of this State, it is the obvious intent of the Legislature to require the voters of that county to approve each action before it is undertaken.

If our office can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

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